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PSYOP unit gets the message out to Iraqi community

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BAGHDAD, Iraq – The 1210th Tactical Psychological Operations Detachment assigned to 1st Armored Division's 3rd Brigade Combat Team hit the streets of Baghdad to help combat anti-coalition attacks with Operation Bulldog Speak Up Dec. 7-9.

After determining the area within 3BCT's area of operations that had the highest concentration of attacks on Coalition Forces and Iraqi citizens over the last 30 days, the 1210th TPD, part of the Upland, Ca., based 315th PSYOP Company, conducted a dismounted door-to-door campaign in four area neighborhoods.

The soldiers passed out handbills requesting information from residents about improvised explosive device makers and any other anti-coalition activity happening in the area.

"We're trying to identify people who are attacking coalition forces and innocent Iraqis," said Capt. Randall Cartmill, 1210th TPD commander. "(The enemy) is trying to undermine the stability and the future progress of Iraq."

The PSYOP detachment distributed flyers explaining the punishment for criminal activity as well as rewards for reporting crime or suspicious people.

The 1210th TPD spends a lot of time in the community disseminating information through a variety of handbills, posters and bumper stickers. The unit also distributes "Baghdad Now," the PSYOP-created bi-weekly newspaper which provides residents with positive news on the coalition's work in Iraq.

Although the unit's soldiers' main mission is getting the coalition's word out, they will not stop anyone from approaching them with intelligence tips.

"That's called passive intelligence," said Spc. Brian Dobrenan, a PSYOP specialist with 1210th TPD. "We're not trying to (gather intelligence), but if somebody comes up to us we're going to listen ... and we'll report it."

Dobrenan said a lot of people complain about power or sewage conditions, but they do receive reports of criminal activity.

One incident he recalled was of a man who made weapons for the former regime's military.

"He was getting approached by (anti-coalition forces) wanting him to make weapons for them," Dobrenan said. "He approached us wanting to turn his



Capt. Randall Cartmill, 1210th Tactical Psychological Operations Detachment commander, passes out a variety of handbills during Operation Bulldog Speak Up, a dismounted, door-to-door campaign to disseminate products requesting information leading to the arrest of anti-coalition forces in Baghdad, Iraq.

(supplies) in."

Cartmill said his soldiers have a unique and rewarding job.

He said only two other groups of soldiers get to interact with Iraqis like PSYOP: the tactical human intelligence teams, which go in to the community to gather intelligence from residents, and civil affairs, which assesses repairs on projects such as schools, orphanages, and sewage plants.

"Everybody wants to use us, because they know we put out good stuff," Cartmill said. "We put out the messages the commanders want."

Cartmill said Operation Bulldog Speak Up has the potential to be ongoing, but the bottom-line goal is to get Iraqis to want to clean up their streets of criminals and elements of the former regime who stand in the way of Iraq's progress.

"There are a lot of Iraqis who just want to live their lives and don't want to get involved," Cartmill said. "We have to sway them in to thinking otherwise."

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Start Time	SPORTS	ATLANTIC	SPECTRUM	PACIFIC	NEWS	Start Time
00:00	INSIDE THE NFL	HEADLINE NEWS	USAF ACADEMY BAND IN COLORADO SPRINGS	TODAY		00:00
00:30		TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO			NAVY/MARINE CORPS NEWS	00:30
01:00	AROUND THE HORN		MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET		LESTER HOLT LIVE	01:00
01:30	PARDON THE INTERRUPTION	THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN				01:30
02:00	SPORTSCENTER			SESAME STREET	HEADLINE NEWS	02:00
02:30		ACCESS HOLLYWOOD			NBC NIGHTLY NEWS	02:30
03:00	NBA TIPOFF	ESPNEWS	RUGRATS : - CHANGES FOR CHUCKIE	TELETUBBIES : - COLOURS (PINK)	ABC WORLD NEWS TONIGHT	03:00
03:30	NBA - DALLAS MAVERICKS @ MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES	COLLEGE FOOTBALL - 2003 GMAC BOWL: LOUISVILLE VS MIAMI (OH)	SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS (TV-7): - WELCOME TO THE CHUMBUCKET / FRANKENDOODLE	WHEEL OF FORTUNE	CBS EVENING NEWS	03:30
04:00			THE SIMPSONS : - BYE BYE NERDY	THE DR. PHIL SHOW	THE NEWSHOUR	04:00
04:30			HOME IMPROVEMENT : - MARK'S BIG BREAK			04:30
05:00			CHARMED : - CENTENNIAL CHARMED	THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW	HANNITY & COLMES	05:00
06:00	NBA - PHOENIX SUNS @ PORTLAND TRAIL BLAZERS		THE X-FILES : - GHOST IN THE MACHINE	NBC NIGHTLY NEWS	THE NEWS WITH BRIAN WILLIAMS	06:00
06:30				JUDGE JUDY		06:30
07:00		HEADLINE NEWS	SAVAGE EARTH : - OUT OF THE INFERNO	ACCESS HOLLYWOOD	BET NIGHTLY NEWS	07:00
07:25				GUIDING LIGHT		07:25
07:30		ESPNEWS			NIGHTLY BUSINESS REPORT	07:30
08:00		HEADLINE NEWS	THE LIFE OF MAMMALS		LARRY KING LIVE	08:00
08:13				GENERAL HOSPITAL		08:13
08:30	INSIDE THE NBA	HEADLINE NEWS				08:30
09:00		SESAME STREET	BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER : - SHADOW	CALILOU : - CAILLOU COOKS	NEWSNIGHT WITH AARON BROWN	09:00
09:30	PARDON THE INTERRUPTION			THE WEEKENDERS : - TALENT SHOW/RELATIVE BOREDOM		09:30
10:00	SPORTSCENTER	TELETUBBIES : - COLOURS (PINK)	IRON CHEF : - NOODLE/CHEN VS TOSHIYUKI NAKAGAWA	AS TOLD BY GINGER	PAULA ZAHN NOW	10:00
10:30		WHEEL OF FORTUNE		CHALK ZONE : - BIRDHOUSE BLUES! THE ORIGINAL CHALKZONE PILOT! BUSHEL FULL O' YUM RUDY'S STORY		10:30
11:00	NHL - NY ISLANDERS @ NY RANGERS	THE DR. PHIL SHOW	RUGRATS : - CHANGES FOR CHUCKIE	JEOPARDY!	NIGHTLINE	11:00
11:30			SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS (TV-7): - WELCOME TO THE CHUMBUCKET / FRANKENDOODLE	HEADLINE NEWS	HEADLINE NEWS	11:30
11:46		THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW				11:46
11:52				PACIFIC REPORT		11:52
12:00			THE SIMPSONS : - BYE BYE NERDY	ESPNEWS	HARDBALL WITH CHRIS MATTHEWS	12:00
12:30			HOME IMPROVEMENT : - MARK'S BIG BREAK	HEADLINE NEWS		12:30
12:35		GUIDING LIGHT				12:35
12:52				PACIFIC REPORT		12:52
13:00			CHARMED : - CENTENNIAL CHARMED	KING OF THE HILL : - BE TRUE TO YOUR FOOL	THE O'REILLY FACTOR	13:00
13:17		GENERAL HOSPITAL				13:17
13:30	SPORTSCENTER			THAT 70'S SHOW : - BLACK DOG		13:30
14:00		HEADLINE NEWS	THE X-FILES : - GHOST IN THE MACHINE	BARBARA WALTERS PRESENTS THE 10 MOST FASCINATING PEOPLE OF 2003	PRIMETIME	14:00
14:30	SPORTS SPECIAL - NFL LIVE PRO BOWL SELECTION SHOW	JUDGE JUDY				14:30
15:00		TODAY	SAVAGE EARTH : - OUT OF THE INFERNO	24 : - DAY 2: 5:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.	GOOD MORNING AMERICA	15:00
15:30	MOTORCYCLE RACING - FIM SPEEDWAY GRAND PRIX (HOLSTED)					15:30
16:00			THE LIFE OF MAMMALS	HEADLINE NEWS		16:00
16:22				PACIFIC REPORT		16:22
16:30	ESPNEWS			TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO		16:30
17:00	COLLEGE FOOTBALL - 2003 GMAC BOWL: LOUISVILLE VS MIAMI (OH)	CALILOU : - CAILLOU COOKS	BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER : - SHADOW		HEADLINE NEWS	17:00
17:30		THE WEEKENDERS : - TALENT SHOW/RELATIVE BOREDOM		THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN	ABC WORLD NEWS THIS MORNING	17:30
18:00		AS TOLD BY GINGER	IRON CHEF : - NOODLE/CHEN VS TOSHIYUKI NAKAGAWA		THE EARLY SHOW	18:00
18:30		CHALK ZONE : - BIRDHOUSE BLUES! THE ORIGINAL CHALKZONE PILOT! BUSHEL FULL O' YUM RUDY'S STORY		ACCESS HOLLYWOOD		18:30
19:00	SPORTSCENTER	JEOPARDY!	RUGRATS : - CHANGES FOR CHUCKIE	THE PREACHER'S WIFE		19:00
19:30		HEADLINE NEWS	SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS (TV-7): - WELCOME TO THE CHUMBUCKET / FRANKENDOODLE			19:30
20:00	INSIDE THE NFL	ESPNEWS	THE SIMPSONS : - BYE BYE NERDY		FOX NEWS LIVE	20:00
20:30		HEADLINE NEWS	HOME IMPROVEMENT : - MARK'S BIG BREAK			20:30
21:00	SPORTSCENTER	KING OF THE HILL : - BE TRUE TO YOUR FOOL	CHARMED : - CENTENNIAL CHARMED		PRIMETIME	21:00
21:15				SNOW DAY		21:15
21:30		THAT 70'S SHOW : - BLACK DOG				21:30
22:00	NFL TOTAL ACCESS	BARBARA WALTERS PRESENTS THE 10 MOST FASCINATING PEOPLE OF 2003	THE X-FILES : - GHOST IN THE MACHINE		FOX NEWS LIVE	22:00
23:00	ESPNEWS	24 : - DAY 2: 5:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.	SAVAGE EARTH : - OUT OF THE INFERNO	TODAY	HEADLINE NEWS	23:00
23:30	ESPNEWS				INSIDE POLITICS	23:30

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THIS DAY IN HISTORY

December 19, 1984

BRITAIN TO RETURN HONG KONG:

In the Hall of the People in Beijing, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and Chinese Premier Zhao Ziyang signed an agreement committing Britain to return Hong Kong to China in 1997 in return for terms guaranteeing a 50-year extension of its capitalist system. Hong Kong--a small peninsula and group of islands jutting out from China's Kwangtung province--was leased by China to Great Britain in 1898 for 99 years.

In 1839, in the First Opium War, Britain invaded China to crush opposition to its interference in the country's economic, social, and political affairs. One of Britain's first acts of war was to occupy Hong Kong, a sparsely inhabited island off the coast of southeast China.

In 1841, China ceded the island to the British with the signing of the Convention of Chuenpi, and in 1842 the Treaty of Nanking was signed, formally ending the First Opium War. At the end of the Second Opium War (1856-1860), China was forced to cede the Kowloon Peninsula, adjacent to Hong Kong Island, along with other area islands.

Britain's new colony flourished as an East-West trading center and as the commercial gateway and distribution center for southern China. On July 1, 1898, Britain was granted an additional 99 years of rule over the Hong Kong colony under the Second Convention of Peking. Hong Kong was occupied by the Japanese from 1941 to 1944 during World War II but remained in British hands throughout the various Chinese political upheavals of the 20th century.

On December 19, 1984, after years of negotiations, British and Chinese leaders signed a formal pact approving the 1997 turnover of the colony in exchange for the formulation of a "one country, two systems" policy by China's communist government.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher called the agreement "a landmark in the life of the territory, in the course of Anglo-Chinese relations, and in the history of international diplomacy." Hu Yaobang, the Chinese Communist Party's secretary-general, called the signing "a red-letter day, an occasion of great joy" for China's one billion people.

At midnight on July 1, 1997, Hong Kong was peaceably handed over to China in a ceremony attended by numerous international dignitaries, including British Prime Minister Tony Blair, Prince Charles, Chinese President Jiang Zemin, and U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright.

A few thousand citizens of Hong Kong protested the turnover, which was otherwise celebratory and peaceful. The chief executive of the new Hong Kong government, Tung Chee Hwa, did enact a policy based upon the concept of one country, two systems, thus preserving Hong Kong's role as a principal capitalist center in Asia.

Safety Message...

ONE KEY TO A SUCCESSFUL MISSION:

During mission planning, junior leaders should brief their commanders in detail on their control measures and contingency plans.

Mission briefs are NOT done in passing or over the phone.

Commanders train junior leaders on the five steps of risk management so they can safely perform their mission.

The junior leaders should then reinforce those five steps to their soldiers in a "safety-minute" just prior to mission execution.

Chaplain's thought for the day...

"Focus on the Goal"

When I was first allowed to mow the lawn, my dad taught me how to mow between our yard and our neighbor's yard. The goal was to mow in a straight line between our two yards. He told me that in order to mow a straight line, I was to first pick a point at the upper corner of our property. At that time it was a pine tree. He told me to fix my eyes upon the tree and walk. Don't look at the ground or where I just mowed, but on the tree. I was to walk straight to the tree without looking back. I must confess, I didn't always keep my eye on the tree.

Did I ever feel dumb when I looked back and saw a line that wove back and forth. I had to go back and do it again.

In the same way, if our eyes are not fixed on God, the path of our life will not be right and fit for others to follow.